

## *Ducking Out on Lectures*

Students at the University of Oxford in England studying criminal law have been told they can duck out of lectures if they find the crimes they cover upsetting.

Paul L. Caron, dean of the Pepperdine University School of Law, writing in *TaxProf Blog*, said aspiring barristers at the prestigious school now have the option of skipping teaching on “potentially distressing” acts if they do not feel up to it. Lecturers have been told to start providing trigger warnings at the start of potentially upsetting segments so that students can leave.



One has to wonder how well equipped these criminal law students will be for their chosen field if they can't even sit through an upsetting lecture.

As much as we might prefer it, we don't always get the choice to “duck out” of the upsetting events of life. That's why it's so important that, instead of running from trials and challenges, we allow ourselves to mature through the testing of our faith.

The Bible instructs us so: *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience* (James 1:2-3 NKJV).

Also, God knows that it's through perseverance in the challenges of life that we not only mature and grow, but that we achieve eternal rewards.

As you look back across your life, recalling the circumstances of conflict and adversity you've come through, can you admit that they taught you some important lessons and made you stronger? I can.

*Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him* (James 1:12 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter